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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have added new method claims 17-22 but have not indicated which of these claims, if any, read on the elected species and which of these claims, if any, are generic to the elected species as required (see MPEP 809.02(a)). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. It appears from applicants' arguments that there has been a misunderstanding of the meaning of the claim step of "reciprocating said sticking surface of said sticking body along a longitudinal direction of said carcass ply with a forward movement at a pitch to arrange said at least one ply cord in substantially parallel lines on the sticking surface": applicants' arguments indicate that applicants intend this step to require the sticking surface to move in either the forward or backward direction along a longitudinal direction of the carcass ply (first half of reciprocating motion), then move forward "at a pitch to arrange said at least one ply cord in substantially parallel lines on the sticking surface", then finally move in the opposite of the previous forward or backward direction along the longitudinal direction of the carcass ply (second half of reciprocating motion). If this is the case applicants should clarify this in the claim language in response to this Office action; the examiner will then reconsider the claimed method in view of this meaning for the sticking surface reciprocating step.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571)272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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June 1, 2004

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne C. Johnstone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and date.